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A new metallurgical plant, which has been named the "Lenin" Metallurgical Plant (1), is being built near Dimitrovo. It will be provided with coal from the Eimitrovo Coal Mine, with power from the "Republika" TETS (Steam-East and miscuric rower Plant), and with water from the "Studena" Dam. It will produce steel profiles (section steel), which are used in construction and machine building. The steel will be produced from scrap and cast iron in Bulgaria's first blast furnace, which will be in operation in 2-3 years. At the time the plant will satisfy Bulgaria's needs for ferrous metals.

The plant will cover an area of 500 decares and will be divided into two production sections. The first will include all production shops; the second, all assembly and auxiliary shops and departments. The shops already erected belong to the latter section. One of these is the assembly and machine shop. The lime storehouse is almost completed. Thus far, the oxygen station, the compressor station, and the main storehouse have been completed. The deep foundation for the open-hearth shops are being laid. The building of the foundations for the rolling mill, the largest single shop of the plant, has begun. (2) The rolling mill will cover an area of 17,000 square meters. (3) A railroad network, totaling 8 kilometers, will be built within the plant area.

The digging at the construction site is done by large steam shovels, each of which replaces an average of 80 workers. Each scraper at the site replaces 70 workers and each bulldozer replaces 43 workers.(2)

According to a recent decree, okrug people's soviets of workers' deputies and okrug committees of the Bulgarian Communist Party must cooperate with the "Sovbolstroy" (Seviet-Bulgarian Construction) Company in recruiting 50 scaffold builders, 50 plasterers and bricklayers, and 400 general workers from Sofia Okrug, 300 general workers from Vratsa Okrug, and 100 plasterers and bricklayers from Turnovo Okrug by 1 June 1952 for the "Lenin" Metallurgical Flant.(1)

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